

I have recently learned that you are considering weakening New Jersey's Do Not Call laws. As a resident of New Jersey, I implore you to PLEASE leave the laws alone.

My wife and I are both handicapped, each suffering from spinal injuries. It is extremely painful for either of us to walk. In spite of this, I am still employed full-time, supporting my family and paying my taxes. Prior to this law being enacted, it was not uncommon for us to receive 6 - 10 nuisance phone calls each day! Many of these were from repeat callers who, inspite of numerous requests, either never put us on their internal do-not-call lists, or never read them. In fact, many of the callers told us they were unaware their company even had one! The Federal law "controlling" telemarketers is absolutely useless. It places a tremendous burden of identification on the one who was called. Additionally, once reported, the government never pursues the telemarketers unless a vast number of coomplaints are filed.

Unlike the Federal law, the New Jersey WORKS! We still receive calls from telemarketers, but only a few per week. Finally, we can eat dinner without having to answer the phone 3 or 4 times! So I urge you, if you wish to do anything about the telemarketing laws, USE THE NEW JERSEY LAW AS A MODEL FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT! Please leave our law alone.

Thank you for your time,
Paul Maher